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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X --- Y	US 6,274,089 B1 (CHOW et al) 14 August 2001 (14.08.2001), Especially embodiments of Figures 3D and 3E.	1-8, 17-27, and 36 ----- 9-16, 28-35, and 37-84
X --- Y	WO 00/75650 A1 (LI et al) 14 December 2000 (14.12.2000), embodiment of Figures 4 and 5.	1, 7-10 ----- 11-16
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